
Moretown Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 04, 2026 at 6:00 PM
79 School Street
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room
Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716
call in: 929-205-6099

Members Present: Tom Martin, Mike Brown, Callie Streeter, Don Wexler, not present Sam Rosenberg

Guests Present: MRVTV, ORCA, Rae Washburn, Brian Eberhardt, Miranda Saltzgiver, Cheryl Brown, Stephen Gilman, Rolf Carlson, Colin Nohl, April Shaw, Chris Stephenson, Lisa Muller, Everett Norton, Jaclyn Lombardo, Jason Aronowicz, Bob Blodgett, Cherilyn Brown, Sasha Elwell

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: Chris was in to speak about the recreation committee being down a couple of members, they may have a lead on someone that is interested in joining. Advertising may be a good idea though. Chris said that the committee is working on an agreement for the use of the town forest.

Chris asked the SB about a road name change and the process. Carol will be asked on this.

Finance Review Committee – Jason was present to go over what they discussed at their last meeting, reminding everyone that their purpose is to recommend fiscally responsible recommendations to the SB. Where the town hall is concerned, there is more information that is needed. What is needed for ADA compliance, and then other asks. The necessities are what need to be addressed first. No recommendation can be made until there is more information made available to the FRC. Don agreed to attend a meeting.

FEMA flood has made a huge impact on the town's cash flow.

In looking at the capital debt schedule, in 2028, the town debt doubles.

With the new loader, the longer the term, the cost is more. If you bring the term in to a ten-year loan and dip into the Capital Reserve to pay the payment of the longer termed loan, it will be cheaper on the overall budget. Then at the end of the ten years, pay back the Capital Reserve for what was borrowed to make up the difference. Cherilyn does have the loan documents for approval and signing.

The turn out gear was missed in the FRC minutes. But their recommendation is to pay for the four sets of turn out gear out of the Capital Reserve.

Sidewalk – Discussion was had on the mailboxes for the upcoming sidewalk project. Either post office boxes need to be purchased for residents that are affected or another solution needs to be figured out. A suggestion was having a group of boxes by the town hall. The SB thought

that the town hall would be a better solution, so Cherilyn will speak with the Post Master regarding the options there.

Discussion on Flood Loan – there was quick discussion and the loan documents will be signed.

Brownsville Road Discussion: Colin thanked the Road Crew for executing the grant work, questioned a culvert being replaced, then asked for a motion to raise the classification from a 4B to a 4A.

Discussion was had:

- 2 grants have been used on Brownsville, in the first grant that culvert was replaced and upgraded, it's believed that there is a spring in the bank by that culvert in question
- If the road were upgraded, that adds an extra mile to maintenance, a mile of clay-based road, where adding new material will most likely wash off and clog ditches
- Class 4 roads have changed and zoning has allowed building
- Counter point that those people building should do their homework and figure out what kind of road they are purchasing on
- There are other class 4 roads that are not being asked to be upgraded that have had grant work done on them
- The class 4 road policy may be a bit liberal and may need tightening up
- Do residents take care of the class 4 road? is there something that they do annually?

In 1983 the Brown family had an agreement with the SB that they would have plowing and some maintenance done. In 2013, the town changed what roads were plowed, discussion was had on that policy overriding the agreement and supersede any previous agreement(s) with any class 4 road.

Tom asked that the Class 4 and LT Committee meet again and discuss this further before any decisions are made. Brownsville discussion is tabled for the time being.

Discussion on Lover's Lane & (2) Jones Brook Culvert Bids – FEMA - Rae was present to go over the Lover's Lane project, so that things can move forward. The best recommendation is to reconstruct the road. Tom **made the motion** to approve the reconstruction of the road on Lover's Lane project 747156. Don seconded. All were in favor.

Culverts (20.11 & 20.18) on Jones Brook Road – the bids came in as the following:

Avery	\$160,294
Goodhue	\$183,648
McDonald	\$208,450

Rae advised that Pat Ross' recommendation was to go with the Avery bid. Tom **made the motion** to accept the Avery bid for the culverts on Jones Brook Road (20.11 & 20.18). Mike seconded. All were in favor. Rae updated the SB on the 17.17 culvert on Ward Brook Road, that will be going out for bid too.

Martin wanted to let the SB know there are still issues going on with the 2018 truck. Hoses are blowing left and right, they are all rusted from when it was sitting for so long back with the

engine was having issues. It sat with salt on everything, without being sprayed off and now the truck is paying for it. There have been two invoices in the past couple of months that have been pretty high, (will get those totals to the SB). Discussion was had on new trucks, the situation is not good as of right now.

Discussion & Decision on Selling Land Locked Land on Lynch Hill Road parcel 04-066.000. Previously it was posted with the incorrect parcel id number. It was agreed to go ahead and repost it with the correct number for the thirty days.

Reports & Communications: AOT called and just wanted to let the town know that the pull off by "Big Rock" is going to be closed off due to the dumping of trash.

Update on the non-profits: they have all been notified that we need an updated W9 by November 1st, either by email or certified letter. There's been responses from all of them except the following: Waterbury Senior Center; Mad River Valley Senior Center; The Children's Room; Vt Association for the Blind; Central Vt Council on the Aging; and Central Vt Home Health & Hospice. Everyone else has been paid and caught up.

Just an update on the appointed CV Fiber folks, so everyone knows, that it is just Chuck and Sybil now, Karen Horn is no longer on that Committee.

Update on Environmental Assessment for Majestic Auto: Carol spoke about the environmental assessment for the Majestic Auto property, along with two residential properties that are close to Majestic. There is grant money available for a Phase I assessment to be done on the buyouts before the Town takes ownership of those properties. Carol needs the approval of the SB to go ahead, they agreed. The buyouts are moving along, the first closing is May 22nd.

Town Hall Renovations – Don will be meeting with the Finance Review Committee

Valley Conservation Alliance – Discussion was tabled

Tom **made the motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:32 pm per Title 1 VSA Section 313(a)(F) for confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Don seconded. All were in favor. Tom **made the motion** to exit Executive Session at 8:47 pm. Don seconded. All were in favor. No action taken.

Warrants signed and approved: Payroll 26017 e – checks 5080 – 5088; Accounts Payable 26018 checks 27072 – 27114

Two Farmhouse Flowers liquor licenses came in and Tom gave Cherilyn permission to sign off them.

Duxbury Fire Contract was sent back with their signatures, so the SB signed the town portion so it could be returned to them.

FEMA flood loan documents for NSB were signed to extend the loan for another 3-months, as well as the loan for the new loader.

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Mike seconded. All were in favor.